The Homegoing Celebration Honoring the Life of Deacon Willie Davis Nichols Jr. (Chuck)

Sunrise: January 3, 1965

Sunset: July 14, 2019

The Homegoing Service

Wednesday, July 31, 2019
11:00 AM

OPEN DOOR CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
1108 O'Connor Street
East Palo Alto, California

Minister Steve A. Baker, Officiating

Superintendent E. Hudleton, Eulogist

"The day we fear as our last,
is but the birthday of Eternity..."

Life Reflections...
The Obituary

DEACON WILLIE DAVIS NICHOLS, JR. was born on January 3, 1965 to the proud parents of Willie Davis Nichols, Sr., and Lula Mae Butler in Eloy, Arizona. He was the tenth child of twelve children. Deacon was known to his family as *"Chuck"*. In the year of 1975, the family relocated to East Palo Alto, California from Casa Grande, Arizona. Deacon attended the Menlo Atherton High School in Atherton, CA.

On April 15, in the year of 2006. Deacon Nichols was united in Holy Matrimony with his high school sweetheart, the love of his life, Donna Maria Seawell; to this union one child was born, a daughter – Ebonie Shonte'. There are four (4) children from a previous marriage: Lee Andra, Dominique, Nicole and Willie D. Nichols, III.

Deacon Nichols was a hard-working man and a very excellent provider for his family. He was a very kind and generous man, a people-person who never met a stranger. He demonstrated love to everyone.

He always wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and become a professional truck driver. His dream came true. He met the qualification for a Class A Driver's license, with hazard mat endorsement, was TWIC and TSA Certified. He worked for many other trucking companies in the fueling industry in and around the San Joaquin County Valley. Deacon Nichols was an excellent driver. He drove for 18+ years with an excellent driving record. Other working vocations included, the Union Pacific Railroad and TNT Logics in Stockton, CA for five years.

He was very resourceful and had a great entrepreneur spirit; in other words, he was *"a business tycoon!"* He initiated a Carpet Cleaning Service, A Gardening Service and several other marketing venues.

Deacon Nichols attended the Little Flock COGIC in Redwood City, California in 2006 for several months under the leadership of Dr. Ernest J. O'Neal. He enrolled in Victory Bible School where he graduated with very high honors. After which, in the year of 2009, he and his family joined The Open Door COGIC, under the Leadership of Superintendent E. Hudleton. He was a very faithful, dedicated and loyal deacon. He was accountable; if the weather did not permit him to drive from Stockton, Deacon would have his wife to call. He loved people! He certainly proved his love to the entire Open Door COGIC Family.

Deacon Willie Davis Nichols, Jr. leaves to cherish, his devoted wife of 13 years, Donna; four daughters: Ebonie, Lee Andra, Dominique & Nicole; one son, Willie D. Nichols, III; four very dedicated sisters: Mary Gaines of Palo Alto, CA, Sharon Johnson of Stockton, CA, Christine Yates (Juan) of Elizabeth, KY, and Marilyn Butler of Stockton, CA; one uncle, Elton Williams *(Reecie)* of East Palo Alto, CA; eleven loving grandchildren: Anndria, Jaila, Re'Shade, De'Shaad, Vaniyah, Lauren, Aubrie, Amanda, Marcel, Cole and Skylar. Deacon Davis is further survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many friends, and the Open Door COGIC Church Family. Deacon Nichols' mother and father preceded him in death… *"Until we meet again!"*

Celebrating the Life of
Deacon Willie Davis Nichols, Jr.

The Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL | *Clergy & Family*

INVOCATION | *Minister*

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament: Psalms 23 | *Minister Steve A. Baker*
New Testament: St. John 14 :1–4 | *Elder Marcus D. Turner*

POEM | *Anndria & Jalia Bizer*

"THE LORD'S PRAYER" | *Elder Marcus D. Turner*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, CONDOLENCES & THE OPEN DOOR COGIC RESOLUTION
Missionary Pinkie L. Hudleton

RESOLUTION | *Little Flock Church of God in Christ*
"HOLD ON A LITTLE WHILE LONGER" | *First Lady Lil Harris, East Side COGIC*

OBITUARY| *(Read Silently)*
EXPRESSIONS | *Family and Friends (Limit 2 minutes)*

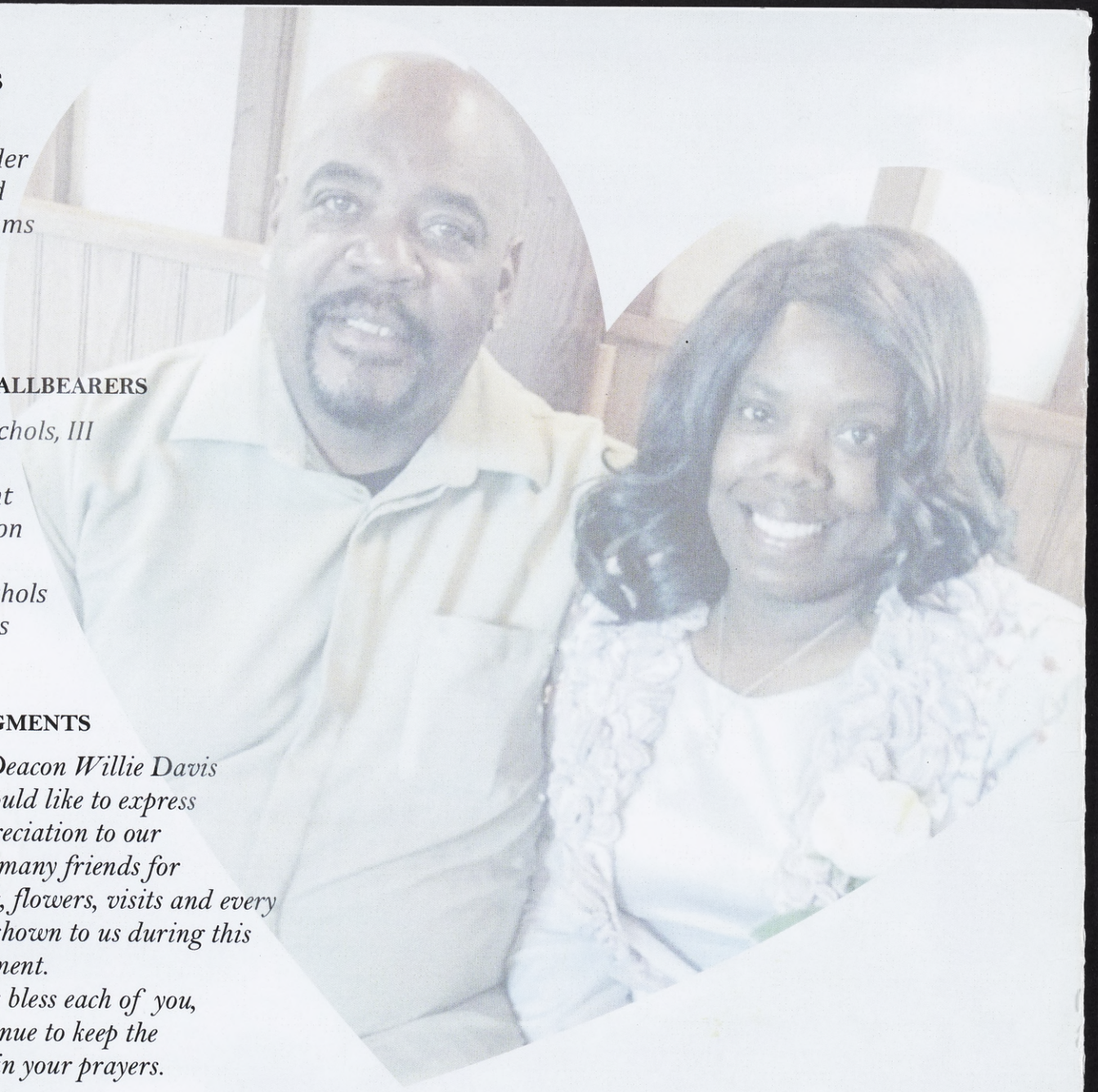
"WALK WITH ME LORD" | *Sister M. Champion*
WORDS OF COMFORT | *Clergy (Limit 2 minutes)*
"WHEN YOU HEAR MY HOME GOING" | *Sister M. Champion*

THE EULOGY
PASTOR SUPERINTENDENT E. HUDLETON
Pastor, Open Door COGIC

PARTING VIEW | Jones Mortuary Staff
RECESSIONAL

The Celebration of Life Continues...

Please join the Nichols Family for the Repast, following the Homegoing Service:
- Open Door Church of God in Christ Fellowship Hall -



PALLBEARERS

Randell Larkin
Vernon Lavender
John McDonald
Leonard Williams
Lloyd Nixon
Leroy Thomas

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Willie Davis Nichols, III
James Tillman
Anthony Wright
Re'shade Jackson
Curtis Seawell
Jimmie Ray Nichols
Brandon Gaines

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Deacon Willie Davis Nichols, Jr., would like to express our sincere appreciation to our family and our many friends for your phone calls, flowers, visits and every act of kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement.
May God richly bless each of you, and please continue to keep the Nichols family in your prayers.

INTERMENT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019

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